## **MINUTES**

## ISCCW BOARD MEETING JULY 18, 2017 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE, WATERSMEET, MICHIGAN

Board Members Present: Jeff Pytlarz, Dave Sherrill, Eugene Clark, Ken Wendt, Jim Donlan, Larry Grems, Joe LoMastro, Yvonne Stone, Steve Wilkinson, Margaret Marrs, Arny Domanus & Greg Wenzel.

Guests Presents: Denise Fauntleroy, Barb Gajewski, Ian Shackleford, Larry Thomason, Carol Mason Sherrill, Dave Lamoreaux, Greg Clark, Diana Mehlhop & James Peace

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 by Jeff Pytlarz, during which a quorum was confirmed by Jeff.

- 1. President's Report: none
- 2. Vice President's Report: Eugene Clark reported the proxy forms for the ISCCW Annual Meeting have been mailed as of July 11 to members of record.
- 3. Treasurer's Report: David Sherrill reported a Bank Balance as of June 20, 2017 of \$154,968.89. Receipts: Membership and contributions of \$663.97; USFS participation agreement of \$2,600.80; interest earned of \$61.65. Total Receipts came to \$3,326.42. Disbursements were as follows: PLM Lake & Land Management \$13,183.44; Payroll \$5,974.40; Many Waters, LLC-Contract Services \$2,587.93, Permits \$500.00, Employment Taxes \$405.72; Boat Washer Fuel and Parts \$190.23; Accounting Services \$150.00, Educator Expenses \$105.14; Postage \$6.65. Total Disbursements were \$23,103.51. The Bank Balance as of July 18, 2017 is \$135,191.80.
- 4. Finance Committee Report: none
- 5. Membership Committee Report: Eugene Clark reported that he processed 2 renewals since his last report in June for \$150.00 in donations. There was 1 Family renewal and 1 Organization renewal. Total memberships for 2017 are at 403, 381 Class A and 22 Class B. Total donations for 2017 are \$30,505.00. There are now 68 members from 2016 who have not renewed. This report will close out 2017 membership. Any membership forms received after this will be for

- 2018. Eugene also that he has started the process of updating the annual mass mailing list. We are still awaiting the big list from Mark Erhart, Watersmeet Township Assessor. He followed up with Mark and Mike Rogers. He also prepared the necessary reports for the Annual Meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He will be traveling the day of the meeting so Diana Melhop will deliver the reports. Thanks to her again.
- 6. Education Committee Report: Denise Fauntleroy, ISCCW Educator, reported that to date we have inspected 1405 boats, washed 590 & contacted 2787 people. She stated that the numbers were slightly down from last year, mostly due to inclement weather. Storms and lightening forced closure of the boat washer stations a couple of times. The Fourth of July parades went well and comments about the new magnetic signs for vehicles gave a good advertisement of what ISCCW represents as well as good will. Lake Association picnic/meetings have begun, i.e., CCROA, Duck, Dinner, Beatons. The education committee attended the UPPCO Landing Blitz Event at Bonds Falls and spoke to Jack Bergman our U.S. congressman. The bags of educational materials are being received well as well as our other giveaways.
- 7. A. Many Waters Biologist Report: Barb Gajewski reported that GLIFWC/ISCCW early season survey on LVD has been completed. She stated it is a "big year" for plants, both native and invasive on LVD. A permit application to use DASH on LVD been sent to DEQ. Weekly diving continues. Mid/late season surveys continue. On Langford Lake, 6 acres of EWM were treated at 4ppm 2,4-D on 7/16/17 by Cason and Associations. Continued seasonal monitoring has found several isolated and a few EWM colonies. Pre-treatment MYFA monitoring did not detect MYFA visually or on the rake, however, two fragments were found floating in the proximity of two previously known MYFA sites. Phragmites samples taken. Water is dark, making hand removal difficult. On Lindsley Lake they dove sites located along northeast portion of Lindsley. Two sites on Lindsley were treated on the week of June 19th by PLM. West end site treated with triclopyr @2.5ppm on 1.10 acres and East end site treated with diguat @2gal/acre on .45 acres. On Morley Lake, one site was treated the week of June 19th by PLM. On Thousand Island Lake, one site on the lake was treated the week of June 19th by PLM. Far eastern end of the lake along the southern shore treated with triclopyr @ 2.5ppm on 2.40 acres. There were scattered injured plants which they will continue to observe. For Thousand, a DASH permit is being submitted for a location to the west of the treatment area. Most of the mid/late monitoring on Thousand Island Lake is complete. They will have to return to the 2016 DASH location to follow up on the re-growth. Two CLP locations were found at the far western end of the lake and a few plants were found again in

the channel location. On Cisco Lake, no AIS plants to report at this time, survey is not complete. On Marion Lake, no plants to report. Ken Wendt asked Barb if there can be so much chemical on the bottom of Langford Lake that plants become immune. Barb responded that granular herbicides can have a reduction of plant sensitivity, e.g., on Thousand Island Lake they have found a loss of some sensitivity of the herbicides, however it is probably not due to chemical on the bottom of the lake but rather plants being repetitively exposed to non-lethal doses of herbicide. Ken asked if ISCCW should gather stats on the sensitivity of plants to herbicides. Eugene Clark commented that the other lakes may reach sensitivity points in a few years. Greg Wenzel asked if there was still grant money available. Discussion will continue in the future.

Joe LoMastro added that June 27th PLM came to Duck Lake and did a chemical treatment. Recent survey indicates that the plants are dying from the bottom up.

- B. Purples Loosestrife on Thousand Island Lake control efforts continue.
- 8. Business Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Arny Domanus and seconded by Steve Wilkinson. Motion carried.
- 9. Approval of Reports and Meeting Minutes: Ken Wendt proposed a "conditional approval" of the minutes to allow further review of the June minutes to correct for minor spelling & grammatical errors. Motion to approve the reports and "conditional minutes" was made by David Sherrill and seconded by Joe LoMastro. Motion carried.
- 10. Public Comments: USFS Botanist, Ian Shackleford, reported the following: Our old agreement (from 2012 to 2017), with the recently approved invoice, is now closed. We are back to two agreements...one for the GLRI-funded AIS prevention (expiring in 2022) and one for control of RAC-funded EW milfoil in Langford and LVD (expiring in 2019). The USFS snorkeled and hand-pulled EW milfoil from Crooked Lake on June 21 and July 17 (with Greg Clark), pulling more than 100 plants each visit, mostly from the boat launch and NW end of the first bay. The number of plants in the Wilderness has declined. Two Iron County items: the report of zebra mussels from Paint Lake was in error (it was banded mystery snail); on 7/13/17 Ian confirmed the presence of EW milfoil from the Chara Lake channel, with too many plants to pull (found by Bill Artwich last Autumn). Ian will coordinate with Denise Fauntleroy on boat washing at Crooked Lake.

MDNR representative spoke to the need for professional looking signage at the boat landings. If a lake needs assistance with that to contact the MDNR. He said that questions regarding compliance need to be discussed between the USFS and MDNR. He spoke about the

boat washer mat on Cisco Lake.

CCROA: Retiring president, Greg Wenzel, thanked ISCCW for their continued alliance with the CCROA and said projects continue as planned. Greg is retiring from the ISCCW Board and thanked all the members for their expertise.

LVD Tribal had no representative present.

Margaret Marrs thanked the Board for the opportunity to learn and serve the last six years, as she retires from the Board.

- 11. Old Business:
  - A. Shoreline Workshop...Ken Wendt stated the response is going well with 50 people signed up to attend. Discussion ensued regarding the reimbursement to attendees from the three associations involved, i.e., ISCCW, CCROA, Iron County Conservation District.
  - B. Terrestrial Invasive Species LVD...Barb Gajewski and Bill Artwich will be monitoring next year.
  - C. Annual Meeting will be held on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Watersmeet Pavilion at 2pm. Proxies are coming in.
- 12. New Business: David Sherrill brought up the Michigan Waterfront Alliance letter that he received stating that DNR has plans to install public boat landings on all lakes in Michigan larger than 100 acres. James Peace from DNR was unaware of that policy but said that he would look into it.
- 13. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 with a motion from Dave Sherrill, seconded by Jeff Pytlarz. Motion carried.
- 14. NEXT BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 15, 2017 USFS DISTRICT OFFICE AT 10 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted, Margaret Marrs Acting Secretary